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# THE XAVIER UNIVERSITY NEWSWIRE

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## Students robbed in Avondale

BY SARAH KELLEY  
Senior News Editor

Two Xavier students were robbed at gunpoint on Sunday, Aug. 22, a block away from their home in Avondale. The incident occurred behind Goss Avenue, which is located about two blocks from the intersection of Dana Avenue and Victory Parkway.

Just before midnight, juniors Brian Brehm and George Waikem left their house on foot to find some friends coming from the Xavier Village.

After leaving their house, Brehm and Waikem were approached by three men, all of whom were armed. The suspects then pulled their guns and demanded money.

"One of the guys put a gun to my head and another guy put a gun to my chest," said Brehm. "They told us to empty our pockets and then told us to leave."

The suspects left the victims' wallets and credit cards, but stole \$30 from Waikem.

The two students returned home after the incident and reported the crime to Cincinnati police. The police looked for the suspects with the help of search dogs but were unable to come up with anything.

Cincinnati police also called Xavier campus police to investigate the incident.

"Campus policeman Bill Smith was very helpful when he arrived," said Waikem. "He was very sympathetic to our situation."

The suspects were described as black males, approximately 170 pounds, and looked as though they were teenagers. No suspects have been apprehended yet.

The incident, which occurred four days after the students had moved into the area, sparked fear in them and their families.

"We called our parents that night, and they told us we had to move to a safer neighborhood," said Brehm.

Brehm, Waikem and their roommates have since moved into a neighborhood on the other side of campus.

"That really was a bad neighborhood," said Brehm. "We are much more comfortable living in our new house."

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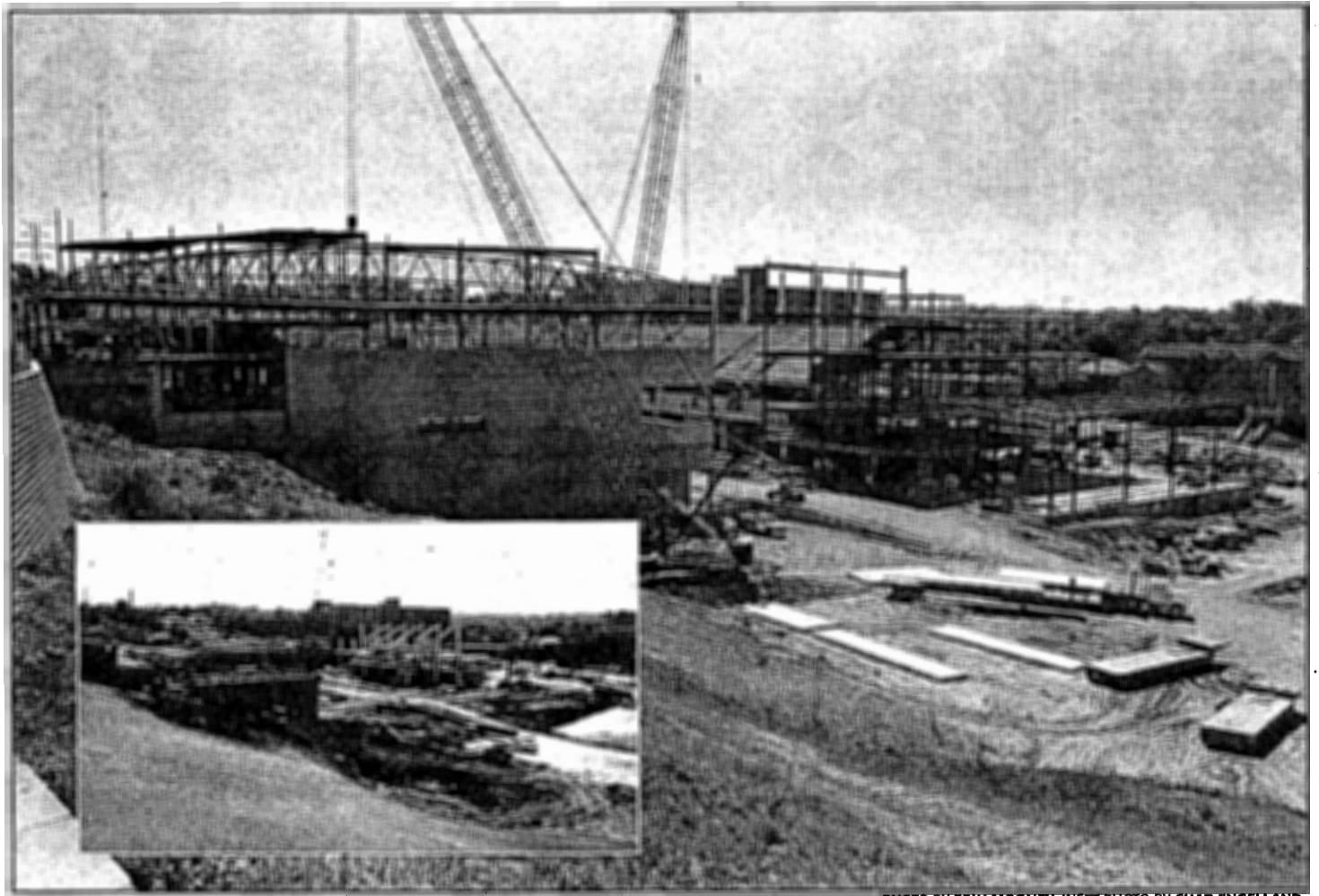


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## The Cintas Center:

Due to the efficiency of recent construction, the new Cintas Center is still scheduled to host graduation in May of 2000. The inset picture, which was taken last May, illustrates the progress achieved during the summer months.

## Century Campaign reshapes campus

*Continued work on the Cintas Center, Schmidt and Alumni Halls shows returning students a new Xavier*

BY SARAH KELLEY  
Senior News Editor

Walking around campus, it is impossible not to notice the construction projects in the works.

For those who are new to Xavier, you may be wondering what the product of these heaps of dirt and brick are going to be. For those of you returning to campus, you may be impressed with the progress made over the summer. Here is an update of what is going on "structurally" around campus.

The most elaborate project underway is the construction of the Cintas Center. Initially, the project was to be completed by May 1, 2000, in time for graduation. As spring classes were coming to a close last year, the Cintas project was a month behind schedule.

Over the summer, however, construction was brought up to speed.

"The progress went better than we had expected it to throughout the summer," said project representative Bob Sheeran. "We are still shooting for our May 1, 2000 deadline."

The main emphasis over the summer was erecting the structural skeleton of the building, which is now visible from Herald Avenue and the Cohen Center. Basic mechanical and electrical systems were also installed.

The focus is now shifting to building the outside body of the structure, including the outside walls and roof. This phase of the project began Aug. 20 and will continue through early December.

"We have started to put on the skin of the building," said Sheeran. "Walls are going up around the northeast corner. We are starting to work on the arena roof structure and are on the way to getting the building enclosed. Our goal is to have everything under roof and weather tight by Thanksgiving."

During the summer, there were around 100 workers on the site. Now close to 130 people are on the job.

"As more and more of the building is coming out, there is more space for people to work and more is getting done," said Sheeran.

In addition to the construction of the Cintas Center, major renovations were underway over the summer in Schmidt and Alumni Halls.

Schmidt Hall was vacated last fall, and the \$2.7 million renovation project was launched.

The first floor will soon be home to the Office of Academic Affairs. The president's office is located on the second floor, and financial administrators are now on the third floor. The old Lodge Learning Lab is now the Michael J. and Margaret Conaton Board Room.

One of the highlights of the renovation is an addition facing University Drive, which includes a new elevator and stairs.

Alumni Hall is reaching its final stages of renovation, and will be open by November of this year. Upon its completion, Alumni will be renamed Edgecliff Hall, in honor of Edgecliff College, which merged with Xavier in 1980.

Edgecliff Hall will house the music department, Affirmative Action offices and Human Resources. Edgecliff College memorabilia will

also be displayed.

Xavier's Century Campaign funded the renovation of Schmidt and Alumni Halls.

"I think both of the buildings are beautiful," said senior Katie Fontana. "They represent so much of the history of this campus, I'm glad they have been restored."

The next big project in the works for Xavier is the construction of a new university center. The University Center is scheduled to be demolished in the summer of 2000, at which point construction for the new building will begin.

The allotted budget for this project is \$15 million.

Opus, also builder of the Cintas Center, will design and direct construction of the new facility. The projected duration of the project is 15 - 18 months.

The new center, to be named after Charles Gallagher, the principal donor for the project, will feature food services, a theater, student lounges, offices, retail outlets, computer labs and learning centers.

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### Schott dining

Schott dining hall is now open. Hours of operation are 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. A new a la carte menu is offered, as well as waited table service. Selections include a variety of hot and cold sandwiches and salads, in addition to a daily special prepared to order right in the dining room.

### Prayer invitation

During the fall and spring semesters (except on school holidays) all members of the Xavier community are welcome to join in prayer at 5 p.m. Mass at Bellarmine, Monday through Friday. Bellarmine also has liturgies at 8 a.m. and noon on weekdays.

### Art exhibit

Xavier's art gallery is presenting works on paper by Michael Barnes, assistant professor of art at Northern Illinois University, and mixed-medium/collage on paper and wood by Shelly Hehnberger, art instructor and illustrator of children's books. The exhibit will last through Friday, Sept. 24. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call 745-3811 for more information.

### Spirit Celebration

All members of the Xavier community are invited to attend Spirit Celebration '99 on Sunday, Sept. 19, on the residential mall. Mass begins at 4:30 p.m. and is followed by the Xavier University family picnic. Please RSVP to the office of special events, mail location 5112, by Monday, Sept. 13.

### Contemporary issues forum

The first contemporary issues forum of the year will be held on Monday, Sept. 27, from 3 to 4:45 p.m., on the 10th floor of Schott Hall. The topic — "Kosovo: A Just Peace?" — will explore what is going on in the Balkans, from the viewpoints of politics and religion. Panelists include Fr. Steven Kostoff, theology, and Rev. Jim McCann, S.J., and Jon Moulton, political science/sociology. Also, mark your calendar for the second forum, "Marriage: Can it Last Forever?", which will be held on Monday, Oct. 25. The forums are sponsored by the Jesuits at Xavier.

### Toastmasters

Toastmasters, an international organization which encourages its members to become better public speakers, meets the first and third Wednesdays of every month, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Nan McCart, university relations, invites anyone who might be interested to call her at 745-3831.

## SCHMIDT HALL RENOVATION



The newly renovated Schmidt Hall is now home to Academic Affairs, the president's office and financial administrators. The \$2.7 million project was modeled after the recent renovations of Hinkle Hall.

## Women hold majority at XU

BY SARAH KELLEY  
News Editor

The female population at Xavier has steadily increased over recent years, mimicking trends in higher education across the nation.

Sixty percent of students enrolled at Xavier for the 1999-2000 academic year are female, an increase of four percent from last year. It has been twenty years since males were the majority on campus. Fifty-five percent of undergraduate students in 1979 were male, but male enrollment has been on a decline ever since. Xavier accepted its first female students in 1969.

"We have gone from an all male-university to one that is the majority female," said vice president for academic affairs Dr. James Bundschuh. "I do not expect female numbers to rise much more. It should level off in the next few years."

Although 1996 census figures show that there are slightly more college-age males than females, according to U.S. Department of Education statistics, there were 8.4 million women and 6.7 million men enrolled in college in 1996, the last year for which statistics were available.

The number of women enrolled in higher education began to increase over a decade ago, and has

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—Dr. James Bundschuh,  
vice president for  
academic affairs

since risen steadily. The number of men in college declined between 1991 and 1995, but in rose again in 1996. The Department of Education projects the gender gap will be larger by the year 2007, with 9.2 million women and 6.9 million men enrolled in college.

Women outnumber men in every category of higher education: public, private, religiously affiliated, four-year schools and two-year schools.

Concerns regarding this trend exist on a national and local level. Some educators are concerned with the idea that a liberal arts education may seem more of a woman's domain these days, while others are

concerned with the consequences of fewer men with advanced educations.

"I think this has a lot to do with the fact that girls are becoming more interested in education," said freshman Erica Longmeier. "It seems that guys this age are looking for other things."

According to some education experts, one possible explanation for men foregoing college is a strong economy, which yields to some men the sense that they can succeed without a degree.

"I don't think that they are just picking more girls to get into college," said sophomore Xin Chen. "Girls are getting higher SAT scores and are more qualified."

However, for women, their persistence in high school may contribute to the general greater success of females in school. Also, more women identify success in the "real world" with a higher education, and have more recently utilized the means to receive that education.

"I definitely would not say this is a bad thing," said Bundschuh. "This is a phenomenon experienced by many universities."

For most college admissions officials, the gender imbalance is not a great concern.

## Crime: Students robbed at gunpoint

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"Our neighbors around here are really friendly and there are more students around," said Waikem. "We are not nearly as isolated."

According to campus police chief Mike Couch, students need to be careful and take measures to ensure their safety.

"We always discourage students from walking in unfamiliar areas by themselves," said Couch. "Use shuttles whenever available ... travel in larger groups and don't put yourself in a situation that could be dangerous."

Both students stated they are going to take precautions in the future to make sure nothing like that happens to them again.

"I am driving more places now," said Waikem. "I always take at least three people if I am going to be walking somewhere."

The incident is currently under investigation by the Cincinnati police.

## Police Notes

**Wednesday, Aug. 11, 10:35 a.m.** — A student in Brockman Hall reported that about seven dollars worth of spareribs, some cinnamon rolls and a jar of mayonnaise were stolen from a common refrigerator on the third floor.

**Wednesday, Aug. 11, 11 a.m.** — A member of the library staff reported that a RAM memory chip had been removed from one of the computers in the library.

**Saturday, Aug. 21, p.m.** — Graffiti was discovered by the campus police in the first floor restroom of the University Center.

**Wednesday, Aug. 25, 2:15 a.m.** — A student on the third floor of Husman Hall reported his wallet had been removed from his room. It was eventually recovered at the R.A. desk but was missing fifty dollars in cash.

**Parking Restrictions** — Cincinnati Police have installed parking restrictions from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday through Sunday in several areas around campus, at the request of the community. The areas with restricted parking include the 3900 block of Winding Way, the 3900 block of Ledgewood, the 700 block of Marion and the 3900 block of Dakota. Cincinnati Police have already issued many citations and will continue to enforce the new policies.

## Police Note of the Week

**Thursday, July 15-Thursday, July 29** — Five laptop computers were stolen out of locked offices on the 2nd and 3rd floor of CBA during a two week span. Four of the computers were Dell's and one was an IBM. Photos of the suspect were taken from security cameras, and campus police are still working to apprehend the suspect.



# SGA follows through on promises

BY AMY SCHELL

Assistant Campus News Editor

While the new academic year is still unfolding, the Student Government Association has been working to make effective some of the changes promised to students during election time.

Lynn Grunzinger (president), James Bowling (legislative vice president) and Nate Moster (administrative vice president), SGA executives elected to office last spring, are determined to follow through on the issues which made up their platform last year.

A major point of concern was the issue of campus safety, which was addressed by implementing a third shuttle, in addition to the two existing campus shuttles. The new shuttle will run a continuous on-campus route, making eight stops about every fifteen minutes, the amount of time it takes to make the circuit.

The shuttle was initially going to be paid for by the student development office, but due to a lack of funds, SGA is now contributing funds in order to split the cost.

Moster explains the use of SGA funds: "It [the third shuttle] was one

of the platforms we ran on: it was the one thing that we promised to the students and we wanted to get that done no matter what."

The on-campus shuttle, which has fifteen seats and is larger than either of the other two, will make stops at every designated shuttle stop (marked by a blue sign), including the circle outside Bellarmine chapel, Joseph and Elet parking lots, the Village, the Brockman lot, the Sports Center, the base of the residential mall (past Buenger), the circle by Kuhlman in the North lot and the Cohen Center lot.

SGA has also appropriated \$7500 in funds to upgrade the sports center. Two thousand dollars of that money will be used to buy an erg machine. The machine will be used by the crew team and other club sports, but will also be available for general student use.

The remainder of the money will go toward a sixteen piece weight system and a Nautilus set, which will be purchased over the next two years. Because the system is so expensive, eight pieces will be purchased this year and eight will be purchased next year. The new



The third shuttle will circulate on-campus only.

equipment will be arriving by the end of September.

Currently, the SGA executives are looking into the possibility of a video store on campus. They are still talking with administrators and exploring various avenues, but hope to eventually locate the store next to the 24 hour computer lab in the Downunder commuter lounge.

During the elections last year, another issue raised was increased dialogue between the students and the senate. Moster, Grunzinger and Bowling have plans to create luncheons and student forums to increase lines of communication.

Grunzinger is also planning a

meeting about a possible Graduate Council, which would be composed of grad students who are interested in getting more involved at Xavier. The council would be grouped with services such as Residence Life and Commuter Services.

The three executives are looking forward to a good year, and now that summer is over, Grunzinger comments, "One more future project I'd also like to work on is getting more parking for the Village, because parking is so scarce and we hope to work more with the student senators, now that they are back."

Grunzinger is also planning a

## Xavier ranked 7th best in Midwest

Xavier University is once again among the top ten Midwest colleges and universities, according to the *U.S. News & World Report* rankings. The 2000 issue of *America's Best Colleges*, released on Aug. 23, placed Xavier in a tie with Butler University in Indiana as the seventh best among 123 colleges in the Midwest.

This is the fifth year Xavier has been ranked in the top ten Midwest colleges and universities.

Last year, Xavier, Cincinnati's only Jesuit university, was ranked eighth.

"The goal of all of us who work at Xavier is to provide a total educational experience that will prepare our students to take their place in a rapidly changing global society," said Fr. James E. Hoff, S.J., president of Xavier University. "This recognition from *U.S. News and World Report* is another indication that we are meeting our goal."

Xavier is one of 11 Jesuit universities to make the top ten list in the four regions.

That means Jesuit universities account for 26% of the total schools recognized as the ten best in each region.

*U.S. News and World Report* determines its rankings by looking at each school's academic reputation, student selectivity, faculty resources, financial resources, retention and alumni giving. Of possible 100 points, Xavier scored 89.

Xavier's strong academic tradition continues with the class of 2003. Their average GPA is 3.46. 26 of the new freshmen were ranked first in their high school graduating class and seven of the students are National Merit Scholars.

## Offices relocate on XU's campus

Continual construction is not the only thing changing the face of Xavier's campus. Over the summer, some of the offices students use most have relocated. Here's a list to help you find your way around:

### RESIDENCE LIFE

For any and all your roommate and or housing concerns head to Walsh Hall, the Office of Residence Life's new home.

### AUXILIARY SERVICES

Although an All-Card office is still located across from the Grill, anyone looking for the rest of

Auxiliary Service offices needs to take a stroll up to the corner of Dana and Ledgewood.

### THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Schmidt Hall welcomed new occupants through its newly renovated doors when it was unveiled this summer.

The Office of the President is now located on the second floor, including the office of Executive Assistant to the president, Rev. Michael Graham, S.J., and Administrative Vice President, John Kucia. Dr. Richard Hirte, vice president for financial administration, and his

supporting staff are located on the third floor. Personnel is calling the third floor home until Alumni Hall renovations are complete. Likewise, Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dr. James Bundschuh, is scheduled to move into Schmidt later this fall.

### STUDENT DEVELOPMENT

Students who need to make changes to their meal plan can follow the stairs in the University Center up to Student Development's new offices on the second floor.

### STUDENT SERVICES

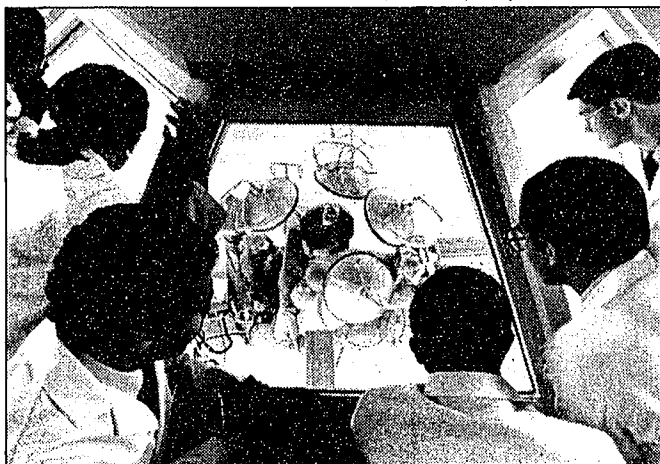
While many offices, including

SGA, remain in the Student Services hallway next to the Cafe, everything from Peer Leadership Team to Student Services Director Luther Smith's office has been moved inside the adjoining glass doors.

In addition to all the moves, the Kentucky/Indiana room in the University Center will be used as a classroom this year and can no longer be reserved for events. The Ohio room next door is still available for reservations.

—Lorraine Crouch

## AN ARMY SCHOLARSHIP COULD HELP YOU THROUGH MEDICAL SCHOOL



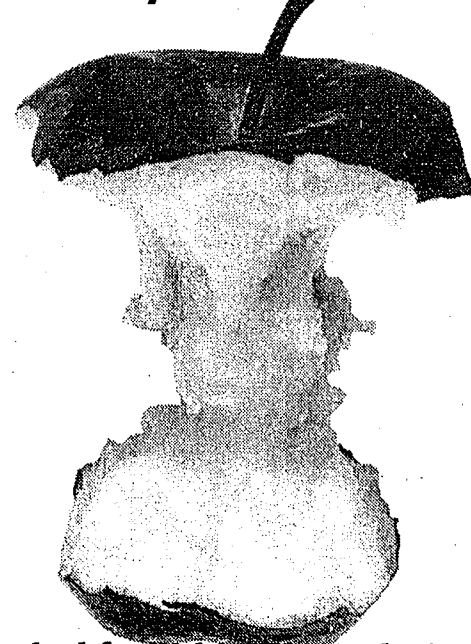
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- STAFF EDITORIAL -

## Cafeteria chaos

We at *The Newswire* would like to take a few moments to talk about the most recent chaos at Xavier.

And no, we're not talking about all that mess behind Kuhlman that is *supposedly* going to be where our esteemed seniors will graduate in May.

The chaos in today's spotlight is the current set-up of the cafeteria.

It looks like the tables were taken upstairs and then haphazardly thrown down and left where they fell.

Is there was probably a bit more planning involved than that, it is still in disarray. A person can not get to anything by a straight line anymore.

In fact, you may find yourself circling completely around the Cafe in order to talk to your favorite Cafe employee about today's feature, especially during busy hours, when everyone's chairs are blocking the aisles.

Multiply this scenario by a couple hundred hungry students, and it looks like a giant game of Duck, Duck, Goose.

Then, there's the tricky question of returning your tray. The bottleneck of tables and people is not only annoying, it's hazardous.

Also, the small table arrangements do not fit into Xavier's emphasis on community.

The Cafe's motive to promote a café-esque setting and to remove some of the institutionalism of the cafeteria is understood, and the effort is applauded.

However, the new arrangement

does the opposite by promoting cliques and isolation. How can we include others into our circle of friends when we can no longer invite them to sit with us?

Especially important for all of the vegetarians out there: It is virtually impossible to reach any of the salad dressings.

Not only do you have to have some sort of navigational

plan to reach the salad bar, you have to contort your body in such ways previously thought impossible by the laws of flexibility just to reach the bleu cheese.

Possible suggestions to this problem? Changing the arrangement would be nice, but if that is impossible, we suggest the use of a host or hostess and some sort of map identifying the necessary detours needed to successfully navigate around the cafeteria.

A compass wouldn't hurt either.

-J.M.G.

for The Newswire staff

*"How can we include others in our circle of friends when we can no longer invite them to sit with us?"*

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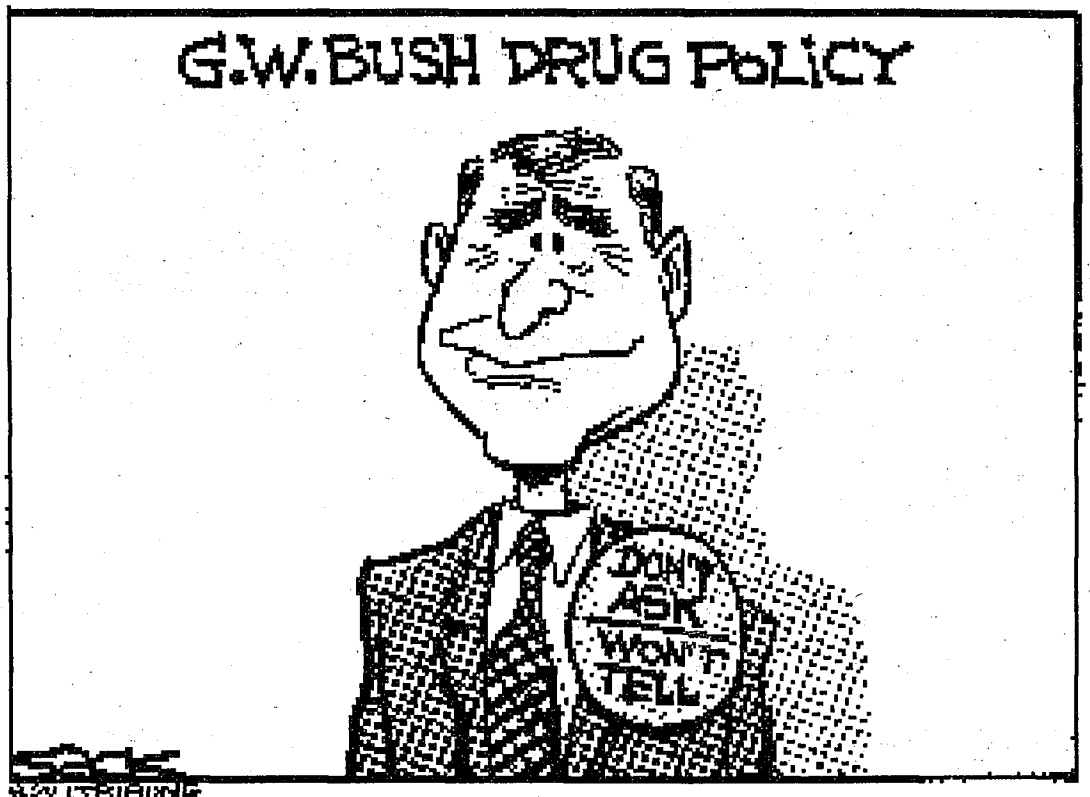
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- LETTERS TO THE EDITOR -

## Commuters extend the Xavier community

Welcome back to Xavier for another new and exciting academic year!

True to the Jesuit tradition and the Xavier University mission, we want to assure you that you are a valued part of a university community which cares.

We understand you face some challenges as students living off-campus in terms of obtaining accurate and timely information, obtaining direct and regular access to the faculty and staff, and being part of the communities bordering the university campus.

Xavier staff strives to understand the issue and concerns you encounter as a student living within a one-mile radius of the campus.

You are encouraged to use the various areas in Student Development, in particular, as a resource to help make your experience at Xavier as successful as possible.

We are continuously asking the question of ourselves and challenge you to ask yourselves, "What does it mean to be a member of a community which cares?"

*"Xavier staff strives to understand the issues and concerns you encounter as a student living within a one mile radius of campus."*

Caring for others extends beyond the Xavier community. You have chosen to live in neighborhoods close to campus but where full-time residents also reside.

Your neighbors are often elderly, have young children or have jobs and responsibilities necessitating uninterrupted sleep.

Caring for others means taking care of friends when they are involved in risky or harmful behavior. It also means respecting the rights of others and being considerate of situations and circumstances other than your own and those of your friends.

In the spirit of fairness, we must inform you that failure to be appropriately considerate of the rights of your neighbors will be a cause for university disciplinary action. Such

action, when necessary, will yield sure and significant consequences.

Parental notification of disturbances occurring at off-campus parties are also part of the off-campus disciplinary process.

Knowing this, please understand that while we do not discourage parties and social gatherings, we expect that if you have such gathering they are held in a manner that is responsible, safe and considerate of your neighbors.

Best wishes for a successful year.

—Ronald A. Slepitz  
Vice President of Development

## Restrictive parking hinders athletic events

As a member of the Xavier faculty, I would like to express the stranglehold the neighboring Cincinnati community has on the available public parking surrounding the university.

With the recent installation of no parking signs on Marion Street and Winding Way north of St. Barbara Hall, there are only an estimated 100 street parking spots available. The no parking zones are currently being enforced by the Cincinnati Police from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 8 a.m. to 1:00 on Sat-

urday. This presents a problem for day and evening students, let alone the home events for women's soccer, volleyball and basketball, and

athletic events. It would be fantastic if these parking restrictions could be loosened a bit so students could decrease their level of stress in the search for legal parking and the community can continue to show their support of Xavier's athletic teams.



—Chris T. Hartman  
Coordinator, Athletic Training

men's soccer and baseball home

## - MALL TALK -

## WHAT is your secret superpower?



"I can make you believe there is a god."

—Meg Schneider  
Senior



"I'd tell you, but then I'd have to kill you."

—Geoff Burkhardt  
Junior



"I can make you dream about me with a single glance."

—Hassan Al-Rawas  
Senior



"What? I have one of those?"

—Tamra Greer  
Junior



"I can eat a two foot long corn dog while wearing a harness."

—Katie Spearman  
Sophomore



"I can talk to animals."

—Zeke Kelp-Lenane  
Sophomore



"I can read people's minds."

—Katie Butler  
Junior



"The ability to grow hair."

—Terry McCafferty  
Junior

## - COMMUNITY PERSPECTIVE -

## Service learning, a valuable experience

BY DAN MORRIS

Guest Columnist

A smart man once told me, "A person with an opinion is always at the mercy of a person with an experience."

Following my natural inclination to always dominate those around me, I asked myself, "Dan, what experiences have you had which would allow people with opinions to be at your mercy?"

The answer to that is easy. Last semester I participated in the Over-the-Rhine Service Learning Semester.

I was thinking it would be cool if I could be like a speaker on a radio advertisement about the Over-the-Rhine semester. Maybe they would also let me announce the upcoming monster-truck bonanza featuring Gravedigger. That would be cool.

Anyway, if I could make such an announcement (about the semester, not about the monster trucks), I think it would go something like this:

"Hi, I'm Xavier student Dan Morris. You may remember me from such radio announcements as 'Let's Just Get Naked,' or 'Clothes, Who Needs 'Em?' But I'm here to talk about something

*"A person with an opinion is always at the mercy of a person with an experience."*

a little more serious today.

Is there something stirring inside you that makes you conclude there has got to be something more to this crazy ride we call life?

Does that stirring cause you to reach out for that something more, only to get a handful of emptiness?

Well, if you want to fill those empty hands and allow them to do things you never thought possible, then check out the XU Over-the-Rhine Urban Service Learning Semester.

I came to Xavier as a freshman full of high hopes and ambitions. I also came from quite possibly the most sheltered little town on the face of the earth. I'm not kidding, you should see the place.

Who would have thought I would spend a semester in the inner city, loving and receiving love from people with backgrounds as far away from mine as possible. This was an instance where I was at *their* mercy because of what

they had experienced.

At any rate, what I learned is that love can be exchanged between everyone no matter what background, prejudices or stereotypes there may be. These things can be broken. In fact, they *need* to be broken. Would you like to help with the breaking process?

If so, start by checking out the service learning semester booth at club day on the mall. While you're there, get some information about the semester in Nicaragua or Nepal.

If you want to find out more about the OTR semester, talk to me or any of the other seven amazing people who participated in the program.

It's a special program, and it needs special people to keep it going. You could be that special person.

Up next, we have a couple of talk show idiots who tell horrible jokes and bark into their microphones. Enjoy."

## Cincinnati has a lot to offer

BY CAROLINE PURTELL

Opinions &amp; Editorial Editor

Instead of going home this weekend, or complaining about how there is nothing to do on campus, have an adventure and experience some of what Cincinnati has to offer.

You'll be spending (or have spent) four years here. Don't you think it's important to know a little about where you are?

Now I'll admit I'm a bit biased, however, having been born and raised just across the river in (gasp!) Kentucky.

I've commuted for four years and while I enjoy campus activities, I like to show residents there is a bigger world outside of Norwood and they are not restricted to the four corners of campus.

If your idea of a good week-

end is getting to Kroger before the 1:00 a.m. alcohol cut-off, then these suggestions are definitely for you.

Instead of settling for "My Favorite Martian" at the \$2 movies just because it's cheap, try the drive-in just up the road on Madison.

Two first-run movies for \$6 is not a bad deal, and with your car supplying the surround sound, you're free to heckle the movie without being disturbed by others.

Downtown is a great place to go at night. It houses some of the best restaurants and clubs in the city. If food is your forte, I highly recommend the mocha mud pie at Diner on Sycamore, or the cafe latte at Kaldi's.

Explore Clifton and it's eclectic collection of shops and eateries. We all know that it's UC territory, but believe me, they won't bite.

If you're in a really adventurous mood, try venturing across state lines into Northern Kentucky. No, you will not be assailed by a groping mob of shoeless hillbillies, but you will find that tucked away in downtown Covington is the Mainstrasse Village — home to restaurants, craft stores, thrift shops and John R. Green, the Walmart of school supplies.

So next time you're sitting around in your dorm or at home, staring at the wall and playing the "I don't know, what do you want to do?" game, make a plan and see the sights of the great city around you.

And don't complain that you don't have a ride. Everyone knows that 90 percent of cars in Cohen belong to residents. So find a ride, or better yet, get a true taste, and ride the bus.

## - RANT -

## Senior fights losing battle

BY JESS BALLEW

Guest Columnist

Two months ago, I moved into my first apartment, fresh from a rent-free environment and complete with a fully loaded refrigerator.

I had the highest aspirations of managing life on my own: tackling bills, plumbing and long distance services with ease.

Ha, you say! Silly girl, how can you, naïve and innocent as you are, take on a megacollapsal corporation giant like MCI?

And how correct you are. You see, I put the phone bill in my name in May. Cincinnati Bell asked me, "And would you like to continue long distance service with MCI?"

I said yes, blindly assuming this meant I would, in fact, continue long distance service with MCI. And in a way I did, but apparently not to MCI's knowledge.

You see, several months later I received a phone bill for the amount of \$291.53 (This is the part where your jaw drops. Don't bother to close it, you might as well keep it open for the rest of the story).

I'm still relatively naïve at this point, and I was sure this was a mistake which could be corrected promptly.

I called Cincinnati Bell. *Thank you for calling Cincinnati Bell.* I spent 15 minutes on hold. *We are experiencing a heavy call volume. To use our automated Anytime Line, press 1...*

I finally reached a live voice, which promptly instructed me to call MCI. *Thank you for calling MCI WorldCom. For billing questions and credits, press 1...*

After 30 minutes on hold — yes a full half-hour, folks — I was greeted by a very bored female voice, who informed me that MCI had canceled my service when the phone bill was placed in my name.

She also informed me I had been placed on "casual billing rates." If you don't know what this phrase means, as I imagine most of you don't, it should forevermore strike fear in your hearts.

Casual billing means my roommates and I were charged anywhere from 50 cents to \$3 a minute, including an initial fee just for placing an out-of-state call.

However, this bored voice gave

me another number to call (apparently MCI's brand of "customer service" requires a plethora of 800 numbers).

I waited another 15 minutes to get another automated directory. *Thank you for calling MCI WorldCom. All of our customer service representatives are currently assisting other customers. Please stay on the line.*

I actually reached a cheerful woman who said all I needed to do was fax my bill to Customer Research, which could take it from there.

She said that within seven days, I would receive a new bill with the correct rates, and Cincinnati Bell would be credited the \$264.84 they had originally billed us for long distance calls.

It all seemed too easy, and I was finally beginning to grasp the Forces of Nature, and I was right. About a month ago I received my new phone bill from Cincinnati Bell — this time for \$432.63.

It seems they were never credited the \$264.84, so the new bill included the old long distance calls, the new long distance calls (at casual billing rate, of course), and late charges for not yet paying the old bill!

So to make a long story even longer, it actually takes a whole month, not seven days, to process a credit.

Not only that, I also learned instructions needed to be written on the first bill I faxed to Customer Research, despite the fact two different MCI Customer Service Representatives told me no instructions were necessary.

So now I have to fax the old bills as well as the new one, and it will take a whole month to get them both cleared up. I have now spent several hours on hold as liaison between Cincinnati Bell and MCI. Their automated voice spiels, not to mention Muzak, torment my dreams.

To paraphrase the stand-up comic, Rita Rudner, the last time I opened my phone bill, I actually heard a drumroll. Needless to say, I've made Cincinnati Bell's Most Wanted list and I now cower in fear at the sight of phone bills.

Oh, by the way, I attempted to cancel my Discover card the other day. *Thank you for calling Discover Card. For account information or service, please press 1...*



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# WORLD BRIEFS

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## Dennis takes a breather

NORTH CAROLINA — The tropical hurricane Dennis, which in the past week has torn apart towns and left a trail of destruction down the southern Atlantic coast, veered away from the mainland Monday and headed out to sea.

After skirting the beaches of North Carolina, its 112 mph winds causing major flooding and power outages, Dennis drove eastward for a three to four-day respite.

However, weather forecasters warned not to rest easy; the hurricane may return at any time this week, perhaps more deadly than before.

## Elections held in East Timor

BALIBO, Indonesia — After more than 20 years of bloody civil strife and ruthless governmental oppression, the people of East Timor have finally been granted the chance to decide for themselves the direction of their homeland.

In the first free election in the history of East Timor, over 90% of the 439,000 registered voters turned out to cast their ballots, according to *The Washington Post*.

Although a Timorese U.N. worker was stabbed to death at a poll in Ermera and many other polling stations reported attacks by armed militias backed by the Indonesian government, U.N. officials reported that no one was

prevented from voting.

Results from the election, which will determine whether East Timor will remain an autonomous region of Indonesia or will declare independence, are expected to be announced in a week.

## Detroit teachers to strike

DETROIT — One day before the start of classes, Detroit public school teachers voted not to extend contract talks and, defying a state law passed in 1994 which forbids teachers from striking, called for a strike. As a result, an estimated 10% of Michigan schoolchildren will not start school on time.

This is the first opportunity the teachers have had to negotiate with the new Detroit school board, which was recently appointed by Mayor Dennis Archer and Michigan Governor John Engler to head a multi-million dollar renovation and restructuring program designed to bring Detroit public schools up to speed and into the 21st century.

## Mideast peace near

JERUSALEM — Just days before U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright is expected to arrive in the Middle East, top Israeli and Palestinian negotiators are hinting at a peace agreement. According to Prime Minister Ehud Barak, "within two or three days, we will reach a conclusion."

— Pat Scallen

# FBI under fire for Waco disaster

BY RICHARD WHITTLE

*Knight-Ridder Newspapers*

WASHINGTON — Members of Congress from both parties called Sunday for an independent investigation of the FBI's acknowledged use of pyrotechnic devices during the fire which destroyed the Branch Davidian compound in 1993.

The acknowledgment six years after the fact is "very bad, and I think there ought to be an independent outside investigation, and I would urge Attorney General Janet Reno to do just that," Sen. Charles Schumer, D — N.Y., said on NBC TV's "Meet the Press."

Schumer said he had "real faith in (Reno's) integrity," and believed the Branch Davidians set the fatal fire themselves.

"But the FBI had a chance to do this investigation on its own," Schumer added. "They clearly muffed it, and ... the only way to clear the air is to have a full outside independent investigation."

Reno said in a news conference last week she was "very upset" that the use of the pyrotechnic devices, although apparently disclosed by FBI agents during post-siege debriefings, was not conveyed to her or other top Justice Department officials.

The FBI acknowledged last week that in the early morning of April 19, 1993 — hours before it began a tear gas assault on the compound where sect leader David Koresh and his followers had been holed up for 51 days — agents may have fired two pyrotechnic tear gas devices.

However, the Bureau said the devices were fired at an under-

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— Sen. Charles Schumer,  
D — N.Y.

ground bunker 30 yards or more away from the wooden compound and could have played no role in the fire that erupted later that day. Koresh and more than 80 of his followers died in the blaze.

A wrongful death suit filed by surviving Branch Davidians and families of the dead alleges that agents fired such tear gas canisters into the compound. The government denies that.

In addition to these allegations, former CIA employee Gene Cullen told *The Dallas Morning News* on Thursday that members of the secret Delta Force commando military unit had told him they were present when the FBI conducted its tear gas assault on the Davidians.

The Defense Department told

congressional investigators three military personnel were present but only as observers.

Federal law bars military personnel from taking part in domestic law enforcement without presidential authorization.

Appearing on "Meet the Press," former FBI agent Byron Sage, the bureau's chief negotiator during the Branch Davidian siege, said the FBI hostage rescue team routinely trains and consults with military special forces.

Delta Force personnel were there to observe and offer advice on questions such as "how to secure a perimeter as difficult as the high plains of Texas," Sage said.

Sage said the revelation that pyrotechnic devices were fired was "very troubling."

"Independent review is not out of the question, and I don't think anybody would have a problem with that," Sage said.

Such devices could not have been used without authorization from higher authorities, Sage said. But he dismissed suspicions of a cover-up.

"I'm sure there's an explanation" for the government's repeated denials that such devices were fired, Sage said.

He added, however, that "there is no excuse (for the oversight). This information should have been highlighted, based upon the potential magnitude of its importance."

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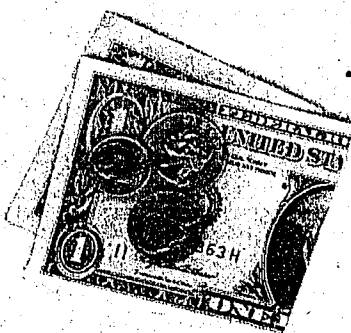
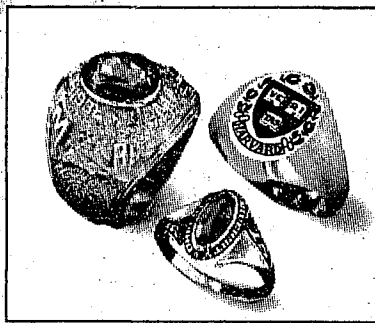
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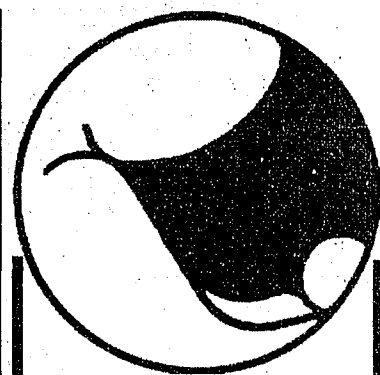
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The team sports include flag football, bowling, softball, all-terrain and triples volleyball, 4-on-4 basketball and indoor/outdoor soccer. Individual and duo intramural sports offered include racquetball, 3-point shootout and All for One 5K.

The intramural sports will be divided into men's, women's and co-recreational divisions depending on the sport. All students, faculty and staff are welcome.

Entry forms are located in the O'Connor Sports Center. A \$20 forfeit fee is due at registration. Call 745-2856 for more information.

For those who take their competition more seriously, the Recreational Sports Department has numerous **club sports** to offer.

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For more information, call Eddie Clark at 745-2856.

## XU cycling joins NCCA

This summer the Xavier Cycling Team was recognized by USA Cycling and will become a member of the National Collegiate Cycling Association (NCCA) for the 1999-2000 season.

As a result of the membership, XU will compete in a full off-road race schedule this fall that includes seven races beginning on Sept. 18 at Ohio University.

Members of the team include senior Mike Helmick and juniors Brad Engelbert, Joe Czerwonka and Barnes Gillespie.

—Matt Madges

## Musketeers set high goals

BY MATT BARBER

Sports Writer

The word of the season for the Xavier men's soccer team is H-E-A-L-T-H.

Midway through last season, the men were ready to claim a spot in the Atlantic 10 Tournament with a 6-0 conference record, but a slew of injuries pushed that mark to just 7-4 and kept the Musketeers out of the post-season tournament.

With all but one starter back for the 1999 campaign, XU is poised to grab a spot in the A-10 Championship Tournament, as long as the squad can stay healthy.

## A TALENTED FRONT LINE

The key to the season may hinge on Dutch senior and tri-captain Koen Kuiken. Bothered by injuries the past two seasons, Kuiken has still shown that he is XU's main offensive threat, scoring 10 goals in each of the last two seasons.

Another key offensive player for the men is junior Josh Hammerschmidt, who needs eight more assists to become Xavier's all-time leader in that category. Hammerschmidt had 11 assists last year and also scored seven goals.

Hammerschmidt and Kuiken finished third and fourth respectively in the A-10 in scoring last season.

The third forward spot will probably be filled by sophomore Andy Crouch who played at forward, midfield and defense last year. Crouch played in all but one game last season and scored two goals and dished out four assists.

Sophomore Mike Kelley will also play forward as he garnered two goals in 19 games last season. Kelley has the versatility to play midfield as well.

Sophomore Brendan Bonham, who possesses a huge left-footed shot, and junior Tim Healy are also competing for a forward position with freshman Scott Lagedrost.

Lagedrost knows what it is like to score a big goal, having netted the game-winning goal in both the 1996 and 1998 Ohio State Division II Championship games.

## AN EXPERIENCED MIDFIELD

The midfield will be anchored by 6-6 senior Maringo Vlijter of the Netherlands. After being named A-



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Senior Steve Stamper scored three goals last season.

10 Rookie of the Year in 1996, Vlijter has been a magnet for opposing defenses. If Vlijter can make some quick passes to the wing or the forwards, it should jump start the Musketeers offense this season.

Vlijter is joined on the right by senior tri-captain David Spaccarelli, who had 10 assists and scored four goals himself last season.

Spaccarelli is one of the best conditioned members of the XU team and tends to wear down the man who has to mark him during the game. His 18 points were eighth in the A-10 last year.

Senior Steve Stamper will patrol the left side of the midfield and looks to improve on his three goals and four assists from last season.

Juniors Tom Leiser, Matt Carlstedt, Matt Hitzeman, Paul Sibel, sophomore Sam Fiore and freshman Jake Jacobs will round out the midfield for the Musketeers.

Fiore played in 17 matches last season and should contribute again this year. Leiser returns this year from a back injury that kept him out all of last season.

Carlstedt played in four games last year, and Sibel, who may see time at forward, played in five. Jacobs may also play at forward at times this season, and Hitzeman can move to defense if needed.

## DEFENSE WINS TITLES

Sophomore Rob Bakker, another Dutch player, started every game

last season and netted seven goals and three assists to place 10th in the A-10 in scoring with 17 points.

Bakker has a knack for scoring a crucial goal when the game is on the line. He will be joined by speedy senior Brian DiBattista, who brings three years of experience to the defensive end for the Musketeers. DiBattista scored two goals last season.

Sophomore Alex Schick, at 5-foot-5-inches, is the shortest Musketeer, but his play at fullback last season was huge. His one-on-one defense proved to be tough to beat.

Completing the starting defense is junior Jeff Neltner, who started for most of the second half last season and dished out two assists.

The sophomore duo of Paul Dondalski and Daniel Limburg rounds out the squad.

Dondalski, who started 10 games last season and played in all 20, will see plenty of action again this year. Limburg, who played in six games last year, is one of the tallest Musketeers at 6-4.

Logan Wallace missed all of last season with a back injury, but has returned for his sophomore season and will add depth to the Xavier bench.

## THE LAST LINE OF DEFENSE

Senior tri-captain Paul Wesseling returns for a third straight year as the starting keeper. He made 99 saves in 20 games last year, including three shutouts.

Amazingly, Wesseling stopped all four penalty kicks that he faced in 1998 and carried a 1.84 goals against average for the season.

Backing up Wesseling will be junior Jeff Stumpf, who played in three matches last year.

## THE HEAD HONCHO

Head coach Jack Hermans will be guiding the Musketeers for the ninth consecutive season in 1999 and is very excited and positive about what the season has in store for his team.

"I feel we are going to be a team that is fun to watch," said Hermans. "I think it is going to be better this year because of the experienced players that are coming back."



On Tap



Wednesday, Sept. 1

•Volleyball at Cincinnati at 7 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 2

•Volleyball at St. John's Tournament

Friday, Sept. 3

•Women's soccer vs. Kentucky at 7 p.m.  
•Volleyball at St. John's Tournament

Sunday, Sept. 5

•Women's soccer vs. Ohio at 1 p.m.  
•Men's soccer at Wright State at 4 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 7

•Volleyball vs. Morehead State at 7 p.m.

Home games are in bold.  
Home soccer games are held at Corcoran Field.  
Home volleyball matches are held at Schmidt Fieldhouse.

## GAMES of the WEEK

WOMEN'S SOCCER  
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Have you ever wondered what it would be like to be a soccer ball and be kicked, thrown and headed around all the time?

Well, even though you most likely won't find out the answer to this question there, you should still make sure you are at Corcoran Field on Friday evening to watch the women battle the Wildcats. Both teams made the NCAA Tourney last year, so it should be a dandy.

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to be a volleyball and be spiked, bumped and tossed around all of the time?

If you think it sounds great, you are a screwed up individual and should go to counseling instead of the game.

So, head over to Schmidt Fieldhouse on Tuesday and catch the women's season opener against the Eagles.

# Women ready to defend crown

BY MATT MADGES

Sports Editor

The women's soccer team is back for seconds in 1999 after a historically successful season of firsts last year.

During 1998, the women captured the first Atlantic 10 Soccer Championship in school history, the first NCAA Tournament berth in Xavier soccer history and the first A-10 Championship for any women's sport since XU joined the conference four years ago.

"Our players got a taste of what it was like to get to the NCAA Tournament," said seventh-year head coach Ron Quinn, the winningest coach in Xavier women's soccer history. "Getting back to the tournament has been a great motivating factor in the off-season."

To say the least, the expectations are high for the women this season as they try and continue this year right where they left off last season.

## A CHALLENGING SCHEDULE

The women's task of continuing last season's success will not be an easy one as a result of a tough non-conference schedule.

The first three weeks of the schedule include three matches against 1998 NCAA Tournament teams (Indiana, Kentucky and Evansville) along with a match at crosstown rival Cincinnati.

Last year the women struggled to a 1-5-1 record in the early season going against many of the same teams. Due to this, the team's performance over the first few weeks should tell them where they are in comparison to last year.

The tough schedule should not overwhelm the team, however, as the Musketeers will have plenty of firepower on their side with most of the key members from last year's squad returning this season.

## THE TRI-CAPTAINS

Leading the way for XU will be senior tri-captains Stacey Kuhl and twin sisters Christie and Amy Reinshagen. All three captains played vital roles in last year's success.

Kuhl scored the game-winning goal in both of Xavier's A-10 Tournament victories, including the decisive penalty kick in the championship game against Dayton.

## 1999 WOMEN'S SOCCER SCHEDULE

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BOLD GAMES AT TENNESSEE

Christie was an integral part of the offense all season and earned A-10 Second Team and A-10 Championship "Most Outstanding Player" honors.

Amy, who earned a spot on the All-Ohio Team, was a vital member to the Xavier attack because of her ability to control the game from her midfield position.

"Our big strength that cannot be overlooked is leadership," said Quinn. "I'm really excited about this year's captains. They give us three hard-working, positive leaders on the field and off the field."

"They are proven winners and know what it takes to succeed at this level. They will have a lot to say about how successful this team will be."

## THE JUNIOR CORE

Also returning for the Musketeers this season is junior standout Annette Gruber. Gruber, a two-time A-10 First Team selection, led the

team in scoring last season with 12 goals and three assists for 27 points, ranking fifth in the conference.

"This should be a break out year for Annette," said Quinn. "We will certainly look for her to score, but I think this year she will have to be more of a presence on the field."

In addition to Gruber, other juniors who should contribute significantly include Erin Coley, Lisette Thiel, Margaret Broe and Mary Sue Wolfer.

Coley, a midfielder, earned A-10 Second Team and All-Ohio Second Team honors last season while leading Xavier in assists with six.

One of only two players on the XU roster to start all 21 matches last season, Thiel was one of the key members of the team's stellar defense.

Broe returns this season at sweeper after missing all of last year due to a broken leg. As a freshman, she started 17 of 19 games and was a big part of Xavier's eight shutouts against A-10 competition that year.

Wolfer, a valuable and versatile player in the midfield and on defense, should start this season after coming on strong last year as a part-time starter. In the four games that Wolfer started last year, the XU defense only allowed one goal.

## THE SOPHOMORE DUO

The talented sophomore duo of Liz Singer and Megan Hosty will also play a vital role for the women this season.

Singer had an outstanding freshman year, earning A-10 All-Tournament honors. This season, she will move to her more natural position as an outside back due to Broe's return. The move will allow Singer to become more involved in the Xavier attack.

"I think that this year we should begin to see what Liz is capable of," said Quinn. "She is one of our rising stars."

Hosty played in 20 games last season, including starting seven times. She scored two goals and also dished out two assists. As a starter this year, Quinn expects Hosty to provide a significant thrust to the XU offense.

## TALENTED NEWCOMERS

The women welcome six talented newcomers to the squad this



NEWSWIRE PHOTO BY ERIN MOONEY

Junior forward Annette Gruber led the team in scoring last season with 27 points on 12 goals and three assists.

season and will look for them to make an impact right from the start.

"We have a lot of players who we need to step up and be positive factors this season," said Quinn. "There are key spots to fill, but I think we have the players to fill those spots."

The biggest hole that the freshmen will be needed to fill is that of the goalkeeper. Both members of last year's superb goalie duo of Ann Marie Hubbard and Karen Kase graduated, so there are big shoes for the freshman goalkeepers to fill.

The freshmen duo of Missey White and Anne Marie Schroer will battle for time in the net this year. And even though the task awaiting them is a challenging one, the two will be able to rely on a talented and experienced defense in front of them.

Another freshman battling for a

starting spot will be Tricia Ruszkowski. Ruszkowski is a very versatile player with the unique attribute of having an extremely long throw-in, which adds yet another weapon to the team's arsenal.

## A CONFIDENT ATTITUDE

The women recorded an 11-2-1 mark over the final 14 matches of last year and are looking to continue that success this season. For this reason, the team enters the year with a great deal of excitement and pride.

Even though Xavier will be a marked team this year as the defending conference champions, the confidence and excitement they enter the season with should prepare them for an encore performance this year.

"The bar has been raised, but I think we will be ready," said Quinn.

# Women's soccer defeats IU, falls to UC

BY MATT MADGES

Sports Editor

Oftentimes, it is valuable to look back at history because of what it can tell us about the future.

For the women's soccer team, however, series history was irrelevant last week as the women split their opening games of the season.

While the women garnered their first-ever victory over Indiana to open the season, they were unable to repeat last year's victory over crosstown rival Cincinnati.

## XAVIER 2, INDIANA 1

History was against the women last Saturday as they played host to

Indiana to open their 1999 campaign.

Entering the contest, the Hoosiers were 6-0 all-time in season opening games including victories over Xavier last year (4-1) and in 1994 (1-0).

However, even with Indiana's history against them, the women had great motivation and confidence entering the game as a result of their success last year.

Both Xavier and Indiana were coming off outstanding seasons last year. While XU made its first-ever appearance in the NCAA Tournament, the Hoosiers advanced to the second round of the tournament.

## THE WEEKLY RECAP

**XAVIER 2, INDIANA 1**  
GOALS: MEGAN HOSTY AND ANNETTE GRUBER  
ASSISTS: ERIN COLEY

**CINCINNATI 4, XAVIER 2**  
GOALS: ANNETTE GRUBER AND CHRISTIE REINSHAGEN  
ASSISTS: LIZ SINGER AND ANNETTE GRUBER

"Before the game we talked about starting right where we left off last season," said junior Annette Gruber.

Although the women came out strong to start the game and had many scoring opportunities, they were unable to find the back of the net in the first half. The Hoosiers were also unable to capitalize on their scoring chances and the teams entered halftime in a scoreless tie.

As play resumed, it did not take Xavier long to break the scoreless deadlock with a goal off a header from sophomore Megan Hosty just 7:33 into the second half. The goal was assisted by junior Erin Coley.

The Musketeers did not hold the lead for long, however, as Indiana tied the score at one less than seven minutes later.

As play continued, it was obvious that the Hoosier goal had taken something out of the Xavier attack. The women appeared a step slower and were unable to really mount any offensive opportunities.

However, the defense remained strong and turned away each and every Indiana scoring opportunity to keep the score tied at one. It was this outstanding play by the defense that allowed the XU offense to regroup for one final attack.

The final offensive attack was worth the wait when Gruber was able to score the game-winning goal

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# Volleyball gears up for run at title

BY JOE ANGOLIA  
Assistant Sports Editor

With the 1999 volleyball season quickly approaching, the women's volleyball team is poised to repeat the success they enjoyed last season.

After struggling early on, the women found themselves with a disappointing 1-5 record. The team managed to rebound and win 11 of their next 13 matches.

Their 16-4 conference record gave them a share of the regular season Atlantic 10 crown, and allowed the team to advance to the A-10 Tournament.

Though they fell to Temple in the opening round, a disappointing five set loss, the Lady Musketeers were able to establish themselves as one of the elite A-10 programs. The program will only continue to make positive strides this season, and possibly challenge for the A-10 Championship.

The women will be riding a 10-game home winning streak to kick off the 1999 campaign, which begins with an away game against crosstown rival Cincinnati today.

Xavier will be returning a strong core of experienced players to lead the way for the five newcomers.

## SOME TOUGH LOSSES

Though the team will only be missing two players from last year's starting squad, the gaps left by the exit of All-Conference selection Gabe Cook and setter Cara Espelage will provide an early challenge for the team to adjust to and overcome.

Although it will be hard to replace Espelage's contribution, the two returning setters, junior Tami Ores and sophomore Amanda Rohling, will battle for the starting position.

Ores has spent two years as Espelage's understudy, but will have to make the transition from a reserve to an everyday player. Primarily as a defensive specialist, Ores recorded 107 digs and 151 assists last season.

Rohling will be pushing for playing time the whole way.

Just as intriguing as the setting situation is the gap left by Cook's



## DATE OPPONENT

SEPT. 1	@CINCINNATI
2-3	@ST. JOHN'S TOURNAMENT
7	MOREHEAD STATE
10-11	@N. ARIZONA TOURNAMENT
14	E. KENTUCKY
17	@RHODE ISLAND
18	@MASSACHUSETTS
22	OHIO
24	FORDHAM
25	DUQUESNE
OCT. 1	@LA SALLE
2	@TEMPLE
8	G. WASHINGTON
9	VIRGINIA TECH
15	@DAYTON
18	@MOREHEAD ST.
22	MASSACHUSETTS
23	RHODE ISLAND
29	@DUQUESNE
31	@FORDHAM
NOV. 2	@WRIGHT STATE
5	TEMPLE
6	LA SALLE
12	@VIRGINIA TECH
13	@G. WASHINGTON
19	DAYTON
26-27	A-10 TOURNAMENT

departure at middle hitter. Senior Jenny Janszen will be expected to take over and help along the three freshmen vying for playing time in the middle.

Janszen, the lone returning middle hitter and a three-year starter, registered 269 kills last season (2.96 per game) and ranked seventh in the A-10 in blocks per game with 1.5 per game average. Janszen ranks third all-time on Xavier's career hitting percentage list with a mark of .270.

Joining Janszen in the middle are freshmen Toni Boutin, Andrea Meyer and Kate Wygant.

Boutin led her club team to first

place finishes in the Minnesota State Tournament in both the 1996-1997 and 1998-1999 seasons.

Wygant was an All-State selection twice and led her high school team to the Nebraska State Championship three consecutive years. Meyer was named to the All-State and All-Conference teams twice during her high school career.

## DEPTH COULD BE THE KEY

The Lady Musketeers' strength would have to be their outside hitters. Not just in the talent the players possess, but in the sheer depth the team has at this position.

Led by senior Beth Osterday, the outside hitters will need to step up their play early on in the season so the setter can adjust and become comfortable in her new role.

Osterday, a two-time A-10 All-Conference member, finished the 1998 season ranked 16th in the nation in digs per game with a 4.18 average per contest (422 total). Osterday also managed to lead the team in kills with 337 (3.34 per game) and recorded 29 service aces.

Adding to the upperclassmen leadership will be senior Kelly Williams and junior Gina Geraci.

Williams contributes with both good defense (165 digs last season) and a strong serve (23 service aces last year) and should see playing time in the back row.

Geraci made big contributions in the 68 games she played in last season, finishing the year with 114 digs. In addition, she registered a career-high 10 kills against Providence.

Sophomores Sara Bachus, Jill Hampton and Anna Yasuhara give the team an extremely talented group to build on in upcoming seasons.

Bachus had an incredible freshman year. She recorded 247 kills (2.71 per game), ranked third on the team in total blocks (82) and registered 243 digs and 31 service aces. Bachus, who was also named the A-10 Rookie-of-the-Week once last season, adds her impressive all-around play to the team's front line.

Hampton, an explosive offensive shot maker, also enjoyed a successful freshman campaign. She recorded 310 kills (3.26 per game),



PHOTO COURTESY OF SPORTS INFORMATION

Sophomore outside hitter Sara Bachus (right) had an excellent freshman campaign and is expected to be a key member to this season's success.

placing her third on the team, and added 171 digs.

Yasuhara was hampered by a shin injury most of last season, which limited her effectiveness on the front line. However, her defensive presence and serving ability allowed her to log playing time in the back row. She managed to record 20 service aces and 166 digs despite her injury.

Adding to the depth at outside hitter is sophomore Amanda Lang and the freshmen duo of Jessica Fluellen and Courtney Fuller.

Lang played last season in the middle and saw little action behind Cook and Janszen. Her move to the outside should provide more opportunity to play.

Fluellen was named to the All-Region Team and led her squad to the District and Regional Championships. Fuller will be called on to help out defensively.

## WHAT TO LOOK FOR

Expect big things from the Xavier women's volleyball team this year. The departure of two starters will not deter this team's expectations of advancing to the A-10 Tournament again. A year older, wiser and more seasoned will only help them in their quest.

The home opener will be Tuesday, Sept. 7 in Schmidt Fieldhouse as the women look to extend their home winning streak to 11 games.

# Soccer: Lady booters look to build on last year's success

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on a free kick from 25 yards out with just 2:48 remaining in the game.

A strong XU defensive stand in the closing seconds preserved the victory.

"We came out knowing what we needed to do in order to beat them," said senior tri-captain Christie Reinshagen. "We knew they were going to be physical, but we tried to stay more focused and avoid their contact."

One of the key factors in the victory was the outstanding play of freshman goalkeeper Missey White.

In her first collegiate game against a nationally respected pro-

gram, White made seven saves and by doing so answered one of the major questions with which the women entered the season.

"The goalkeeper is the most important position on the field," said Gruber. "She has to be a leader and take control out there."

"I think Missey did a tremendous job tonight and we are extremely proud of her," she said.

The performance allowed the women to start this season with a victory, which is impressive considering that it matches the team's win total after seven games (1-5-1) last season.

"Last season it was really hard picking ourselves back up," said Gruber. "Starting the season off on a good note, especially at home, I

think will really get us going."

## CINCINNATI 4, XAVIER 2

From the way the XU women came out Tuesday against Cincinnati, it appeared as though the victory over Indiana would carry over and really get the team going.

Just 7:49 minutes into the contest, the women took the lead on a goal from Gruber. The goal was Gruber's second of the season and was assisted by sophomore Liz Singer.

The Lady Musketeers' momentum did not last long, however, as the Bearcats scored just under seven minutes later to knot the score at one. It was from this point that Cincinnati took control of the game and were in possession of the ball for

the majority of the first half.

However, the XU defense held its own and the teams entered the intermission with the score tied at one.

Cincinnati continued to control the ball and the game in the second half and it would prove costly for the Xavier women.

The Bearcats were awarded a penalty shot at the 56:41 mark of the game as a result of a XU foul committed in the box. Cincinnati capitalized on the opportunity with the penalty shot finding the back of the net and taking them a 2-1 lead.

The Bearcats continued their offensive attack and added two additional goals which gave them a commanding 4-1 lead with just 6:39 remaining in the contest.

However, the XU women would not give up and their persistence paid off with a second goal, with just 57 seconds remaining. The goal was the first of the season for Reinshagen and was assisted by Gruber, which was also her first assist of the year.

The goal proved to be too little too late, however, as the women suffered their first loss of the season pushing their record to 1-1.

## MORE TO COME

The women will continue their season this weekend with home games against Kentucky and Ohio. The Musketeers will face Kentucky on Friday at 7 p.m. and will face Ohio Sunday at 1 p.m.



# Summer happenings

The season was far from a break for Xavier athletics

**BY JOE ANGOLIA**  
Assistant Sports Editor

So what did you miss this summer while you were away?

Well, several of Xavier's athletic teams saw some of their premier athletes moving on and up into professional competition.

**THREE TAKEN IN MLB DRAFT**

The team which had the most successful summer was the baseball team, which saw a school record three players taken in the Major League Baseball Draft.

Mike Scuglik, a senior outfielder/pitcher, was the first XU player selected when the Texas Rangers picked him in the 12th round. Scuglik hit .282 last season and struck out 26 batters in his 18 innings of work.

A short time later in the 12th round, the New York Yankees selected senior pitcher Lou Witte.

Witte, a two-time First Team A-10 All-Conference selection, led the XU pitching staff last year in wins with a 10-5 mark, while recording a 3.24 earned run average. In Witte, the Yankees selected Xavier's all time career leader in wins (35), complete games (36), strike outs (345) and innings pitched (402.2), just to name a few.

Junior Matt Watson joined his teammates in the majors when the Montreal Expos selected him in the 16th round.

Watson, a 1999 First Team A-10 All-Conference Selection, led the Musketeers in six different offen-

sive categories including batting average (.386), doubles (23, a school record), home runs (14) and total bases (142).

"This is a great day for the Xavier baseball program," said head coach John Morrey. "It is the culmination of a lot of hard work by these young men."

**KREMER GOES TO EUROPE**

The women's basketball team saw their floor leader Nikki Kremer, head overseas to play professional basketball. She will be joining the Osnabrucker team from the Bundesliga Damen League.

Kremer, Xavier's all-time assist leader (545) and two-time co-captain, led the team to the second round of the 1999 NCAA Tournament last season. She was a member of the 1998-99 A-10 All-Conference First Team and the 1999 A-10 All-Tournament Team.

A successful season could provide a springboard for Kremer into the French/Italian Leagues, Europe's elite professional league.

**POSEY DENVER BOUND**

In case you missed it, the Denver Nuggets selected Xavier men's basketball forward James Posey with the 18th overall pick in the 1999 National Basketball Association (NBA) Draft.

Posey should fit in nicely with the mix of young, energetic players the Nuggets have acquired over the past few seasons. Even though Posey will be miles away from Cin-

cinnati, he will still be reminded of his collegiate crosstown rivalry from his new teammate Nick Van Exel, a former University of Cincinnati point guard.

**IT CAN'T WB (64)**

Speaking of Xavier basketball, WB64, an affiliate of Warner Brothers (WSTR-TV), has replaced Channel 9 (WCPO) as the official home of the Musketeers.

At least eight men's games will be broadcast each season, a total which could increase to 11 games.

Included in the three-year deal will be the first-ever live telecast of the women's crosstown shootout (Xavier vs. Cincinnati) this season from Schmidt Fieldhouse. The station will also air the women's crosstown shootout in 2001, the first season of the Cintas Center.

**TWO RULED INELIGIBLE**

The men's basketball team was hit hard over the summer by the NCAA, as two incoming freshmen were declared ineligible for the upcoming season.

David Young, a 6-4 swingman, averaged 24.7 points per game his senior year and was regarded by some as one of the top 100 prospects in the nation.

The loss of Lionel Chalmers, a 6-0 point guard, leaves junior Maurice McAfee as the only point guard on the Musketeers roster.

Both will continue to attend school. Chalmers' situation is currently under review.

# Men's basketball schedule released

**BY JOE ANGOLIA**  
Assistant Sports Editor

The men's basketball schedule was released Tuesday and it is loaded with challenging opponents for the Musketeers.

Included in the schedule are 12 games against teams which appeared in postseason tournaments last year. The team will be tested early on at the Great Alaska Shootout over the Thanksgiving holiday.

"The early season schedule should challenge us and get us

ready for league play," said head coach Skip Prosser. "The field at a tournament like the Great Alaska Shootout will test our mettle early."

Other tough non-conference opponents include Miami, Cincinnati, Princeton, Toledo and Marquette.

Atlantic 10 play will also be highly competitive this season. The Musketeers will face Temple, Dayton, Rhode Island and George Washington on the road while Massachusetts will be a formidable foe at the Cincinnati Gardens.

1999-2000 MEN'S BASKETBALL SCHEDULE			
NOVEMBER	15	@DUQUESNE	
20	MARYLAND	23	LA SALLE
	EASTERN SHORE	25	@TEMPLE
25	LOUISVILLE	30	FORDHAM
26	KANSAS/GEORGIA		
27	TBD	FEBRUARY	
		2	DAYTON
DECEMBER		5	@G. WASHINGTON
4	E. TENNESSEE ST.	9	@CANISIUS
8	@MIAMI (OH.)	12	MASSACHUSETTS
11	@C. MICHIGAN	15	DUQUESNE
18	CINCINNATI	19	@VIRGINIA TECH
21	ST. MARY'S	22	G. WASHINGTON
27	PRINCETON	27	@LA SALLE
30	TOLEDO		
		MARCH	
JANUARY		1	@BONAVENTURE
2	@MARQUETTE	5	ST. JOSEPH'S
6	VIRGINIA TECH	8-11	A-10 TOURNAMENT
9	@RHODE ISLAND		
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## Psychadelic show

The Contemporary Arts Center welcomes visitors to revisit the 1960's with their "post-hypnotic" art display.

"Post-hypnotic" examines the work in op-art of 28 painters in the United States, Switzerland, England and Japan. Among the artists exhibited are John Armleder, Peter Halley, Ludy Ledgerwood, Phillip Taaffe and Fred Tomaselli.

Fifty paintings from 28 artists are being showcased from Sept. 4 - Oct. 31. Center hours are Monday - Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Admission is free to members, \$3.50 to the general public, and \$2 for seniors and students. For more information, call 721-0390.

## Virtual insanity

The Contemporary Arts Center in conjunction with the University of Cincinnati's Art College present "Sculpture for a Virtual World."

The exhibition will include such features as a virtual sculpture garden, access to sculptures on display all over the world, 3-D models of virtual works and an international digital sculpture competition.

The exhibit runs from Sept. 4 through Nov. 7. Prices are \$3.50 for general admission and \$2 for students and seniors. Members are admitted free. For general information, call 721-0390.

## Calling all artists

All Cincinnati-area artists are invited to come to the Contemporary Arts Center on Saturday, Sept. 4 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Joseph Amrhein, director of Pierogi 2000, will be considering new art for his innovative New York gallery.

Artists are encouraged to bring flat art in any media, though small sizes are preferred.

Questions should be directed to David Brown at 345-8400.

## Book signing

New York Times bestseller and award-winning author James Lee Burke will be discussing and signing his new novel *Heartwood* this Thursday, Sept. 2, at Joseph-Beth Booksellers in Rookwood Pavilion.

Burke has written 18 previous novels and is a Gold Dagger Award winner and a two-time Edgar Award winner.

## Jazzy piano

Pianist Dan Knight will perform for the Xavier Jazz Piano Series on Sept. 5 at 2:30 p.m. in the Cincinnati Art Museum Theatre.

Knight performs nationally and internationally as a soloist and with his own trio.

For more information, call 745-3161 or 1-800-344-4698

## Right on Western Avenue, back 5000 years

YOU CAN EXPLORE THE 'MYSTERIES OF EGYPT' AT THE CINCINNATI MUSEUM CENTER

BY JONATHAN MOSKO

Diversions Editor

You don't need a DeLorean to travel to the past. Today, one can catch a glimpse into the everyday lives, as well as the otherworldly beliefs, of the ancient Egyptians with the "Mysteries of Egypt" exhibit at the Cincinnati Museum Center, running now through Oct. 15.

Over 2000 years ago, a great civilization thrived on the other side of the world. Looming above the sand, massive pyramids 500 feet high dominated the landscape, pointing toward the heavens. Ancient Egypt was home to an advanced culture and religion which still sparks interest today.

And you don't even have to go to Egypt to see them. Thanks to the Cincinnati Museum Center and the Royal Ontario Museum, Egypt can come to you.

The "Mysteries of Egypt" program includes replicas of Egyptian tools, artwork and jewelry, a life-sized walkthrough of the tomb of King Tut and an Omnimax film for you cinema junkies.

The Omnimax theatre is like a drive-in that takes you on a ride. Sitting under the dome with your whole field of vision filled, the viewer is immersed in another world of vibrant color and thundering, crystal-clear sound.

The "Mysteries of Egypt" film began a few minutes late, but all was forgotten as the first images flashed across the screen.

A word of warning: Those who were made ill by the jittery camera action of this summer's "The Blair Witch Project" may lose their lunch. If you are prone to motion sickness, you may want to skip the Omnimax experience and visit the gift shop or the cafeteria while your friends watch the film. If you have a stomach of steel, prepare for a breathtaking cinematic experience of a lifetime.

An interesting phenomenon unique to Omnimax is the sensation of actual movement when in fact the audience is seated on very firm ground.

In the first few seconds, oceans of sand threaten to swallow you whole. You find yourself instinctively ducking your head to avoid whacking it against overhanging rocks as you fly over the desert at dizzying speeds. Later, the spray from the Nile River's roaring waterfalls all but splashes you in the face.

But it isn't all white-knuckle flash and special effects hocus-pocus: the film gives viewers a front-row seat at King Tut's funeral. On the other side of the curtain of



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The stately gold funeral mask of King Tutankhamun greets visitors to the "Mysteries of Egypt" exhibit.

time, it chronicles the discovery of the resting place of the legendary pharaoh Tutankhamun by an intrepid English explorer and a native waterboy blessed by Providence. Also, a mystical account of an ancient Egyptian curse rounds out the 50-minute picture.

The film alone is enough reason to visit the Museum Center, but for a concrete look at the lives of ancient Egyptians, you can head downstairs and look at artifacts recovered from a lost civilization.

Work implements, striking art and a few disturbing, well-preserved mummies wait there for your discovery. Unfortunately, the Egyptian government will not allow most of the King Tut artifacts to leave Egypt, so we have to make due with looking at replicas and not the real McCoy's.

Near the end of the tour, two rooms make up the real-size replica of King Tut's tomb. Stepping into the tomb, you see through the eyes of early 20th-century archaeologist Howard Carter the majesty and wonder of King Tut's burial place.

(Although you may have personal experience with ancient tombs that would prove this representation lacking by comparison, it

should be good enough for the rest of us.)

When your exploration is finished, the tides of time whisk you back to ... the "Mysteries of Egypt" gift shop, where you can pick up your official King Tut beach towels or some hieroglyphic refrigerator magnets.

All in all, it's an interesting and educational way to spend an afternoon. It would have been nice to have seen the actual artifacts in the downstairs exhibit.

One usually goes to a museum for the chance to examine real life objects that one can't see anywhere else. But with all the red tape keeping the real things in Egypt, what can you do?

If you're strapped for time or money, at least check out the Omnimax film. But if you have a few hours to spend, stay and explore all the "Mysteries of Egypt."

It's not every day that one gets to travel back in time.

For tickets, call the Museum Center at 287-7000.



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Was this woman King Tut's main squeeze or just another mummy? You make the call.

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## MUSEUM HOURS:

Through Sept. 4:  
 Mon. - Sat.: 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.  
 Sun.: 11 a.m. - 8 p.m.

From Sept. 5 - Oct. 15:  
 Mon. - Sat.: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
 Sun.: 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.

## OMNIMAX SHOWTIMES:

Through Sept. 4:  
 Sun. - Thurs.: hourly, 11 a.m. - 8 p.m.  
 Fri. - Sat.: hourly, 11 a.m. - 9 p.m.

From Sept. 5 - Oct. 15:  
 Sun.: hourly, 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
 Mon.: 1,2,3 p.m.  
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 Sat.: hourly, 11 a.m. - 9 p.m.



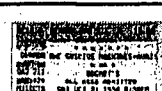
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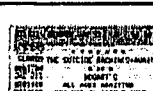
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# 'The Thirteenth Warrior' loses the battle for good taste

HEY KIDS, WANT TO MAKE A LAME MOVIE? START WITH A DECENT ACTOR AND A \$100 MILLION BUDGET

BY DAN GALLAGHER

*Divisions Writer*

Death to this movie, death! When the action-filled trailer for "The Thirteenth Warrior" appeared some two moons ago, it left the male portion of the audience collectively buzzing with the thought, "Man, what a sweet-looking Viking movie!"

The preview featured an army of shadowy monsters, a rolling sea-storm, noisy fight scenes and even multiple beheadings. Plus, it had a script based on Michael Crichton's celebrated novel, *Eaters of the Dead*.

Oh, were we ever sorely misled. In place of a killer action yarn, moviegoers find themselves stuck with the worst acted, worst filmed, worst edited, flimsiest, most creatively bankrupt hunk of inconsistent action-crap to come from Anglo-Saxon mythology since Monty Python's "Search for the Holy Grail."

The only difference is the fatally humorless "Warrior" has the arrogance to take itself seriously.

Ah, where to begin? Even before the glaringly fake opening shot of "the greatest city in the world" (Baghdad), via a cheap matte painting which seals "Warrior"'s inevitable doom, I had my suspicions about this movie.

The conspicuous absence of an audience first betrayed this dog from film hell's true nature; whenever you walk in on opening night and can count the number of people in the house on one half of one hand, you've got a problem.

"Warrior" starts in Iraq, where poet Iban al Fahdian (Antonio Banderas) is banished from his

homeland by the Caliph for "loving the wrong woman" and made an ambassador to (I'm not making this up) "the Northmen" as punishment.

This crucial exposition takes all of 30 seconds before Fahdian is whisked away to central Asia—the woman is never given a name, and she and the Caliph appear in only two brief shots.

Once in the hills of south Russia, Fahdian finds himself in a lively Viking tent, privy to the wake of a deceased chieftain.

Here, during the gratingly ill-edited tent scene, Fahdian meets Bovine, the film's square-chinned war hero, and twelve of his followers, whom he learns he must accompany to their homeland to save King Hrothgar from a demon-enemy.

Why must he embark on such a perilous venture, at no small risk to life and limb, and with no possible reward in sight? Your guess is as good as the filmmakers'.

For the first leg of the journey home, the warriors speak to each other in both Latin and German, until Fahdian spares us by learning their entire man-speak over the course of one dinner by simply "listening."

Now in *flawless* control of whatever it is the Vikings speak (after listening for 20 full seconds of screen time), the characters all switch to English, even though they can't all agree what fake accent to use — fake Schwarzenegger, fake Celtic, or plain, old American?

Not that it matters, because when the 13 warriors arrive at their Viking homeland, it turns out to be only a small stretch of rainy coastline two hours north of Seattle.

With this revelation, the movie

appropriately decides to abandon all attempts at coherency and introduces us to the horrific demons which have terrorized King Hrothgar and his happy people. Armed with razor claws and a name that strikes fear in the heart of a man — "the wendol," pronounced "Wendell," as in "Hey, hey Mr. Wendell" from the progressive rap song by Arrested Development.

This menace leaves Bovine and his men to rack their brains figuring out what form of enemy could commit the atrocities they witness. Is it bears? Is it savages? Is it demons?

Well actually, it turns out that the wendol are merely extras in cheap bear suits, who live in caves and eat the fake latex bodies of their victims.

With their mission to seek and destroy all 10,000 of these unconvincing extras now clearly defined, Bovine and his men spend the rest of their time between fight scenes teaching Fahdian how to act less poetic and more manly.

There are also some unnecessary decapitations, a few bungled subplots that go nowhere, a superfluity



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Dennis Storhoi (left) plays Viking warrior Herger and Antonio Banderas stars as Arabic emissary Ahmed Fahdian, brought together to fight bloodthirsty monsters in the Touchstone Pictures film "The Thirteenth Warrior."

of bad dialogue and bad acting, and even a grossly inaccurate lesson on the medical benefits of using cow urine as a salve for bear-maul wounds.

The only thing about "The Thirteenth Warrior" that aroused my curiosity was its reported \$100 million plus budget.

If this movie really had an operating budget of over \$100 million, where the hell did all the cash go? Certainly not into the finished product.

During the climactic confrontation between Bovine and the mother wendol, I was at least expecting to see a great deal of money wasted on unimaginative computer-animated special effects.

Instead, all this movie gives us is an uninspiring one-sided sword fight between Bovine and an unarmed brunette in a flimsy bearskin bikini. Period.

The filmmakers *couldn't possibly* have spent a hundred mil on this junk.

Did director John McTiernan *intentionally* overestimate his budget so he could pocket some extra graft-money on the sly? The world may never know.

Whatever the motives of the filmmakers, there is no doubt as to the nature of this move: "Warrior" is an opus better left unseen.

Rating: ★

## — IN YOUR EAR —



PRETENDERS

*Viva el Amor!*

(Warner Brothers Records)

*Viva el Amor!*, the latest effort from the Pretenders, is average at best. It fails to inspire any emotion, causing the listener to become bored with the material. The Pretenders are capable of putting out better music, making this release a big disappointment.

"Popstar" is the track that kicks off *Viva el Amor!* Squealing harmonicas and lazy vocals make this tune reminiscent of a cross between Blues Traveler and Bob Dylan. Whatever sound the Pretenders were aiming for is beyond me, but it comes across as bland and uninspiring.

From here, the album takes an upward turn for a few songs. Songs such as "From the Heart Down" and "Nails in the Road" are musically

enjoyable. However, the emotionless lyrics fail to match the mood set by the music and the songs become stale halfway through.

The underdeveloped songs continue to drag on. At this point, one may not realize or care when a new song has begun.

"Baby's Breath" is a nearly successful attempt to rescue the condition of *Viva el Amor!* A brief harmonica intro sets a good tone for this angry anti-love song.

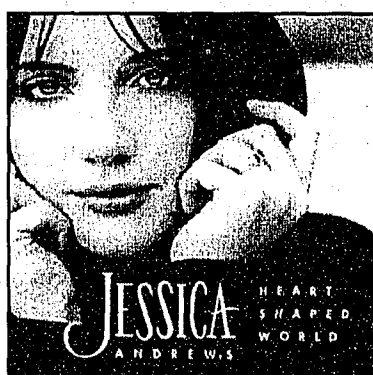
The next track, "One More Time," is a ballad with an explosive chorus in which vocalist Chrissie Hynde screams "Please! / Won't you do it one more time! Do it one more time! Do it one more time! Do it..."

Any hope in reversing the fate of this album is shattered as it continues to sink into the lifeless depths experienced earlier. "Rabo de Nude" is an impressive, accordion-laced ballad in Spanish, but it's too little too late.

Save your money kids. Consult a die-hard Pretenders fan and purchase one of their better albums. This one isn't anything to write home about.

This CD earns \$.

— Mike Kohlbecker,  
Asst. Divisions Editor



JESSICA ANDREWS

*Heart-Shaped World*

(Dreamworks Records)

Recently, a trend has developed in music where major-label artists appear to be getting younger and younger.

From Fiona Apple to Christina Aguilera, to LeAnn Rimes to (dare I say it?) Britney Spears, the under-20 crowd is controlling album sales, and not just by purchasing the new Backstreet Boys CD.

Along comes another member of this not-so-elite club. Fifteen-year-old Jessica Andrews first received recognition for her vocal ability on the Nashville version of the soundtrack for "Prince of Egypt."

"I Will Be There For You," her contribution to the soundtrack, a typical sentimental ballad, ends her first album like a contented sigh, as the 12 tracks reveal the state of

country music these days.

The songs span from the upbeat cry for action from a first love, "You Go First," to the lonely, love-gone-wrong lullaby of "Unbreakable Heart." (Incidentally, the latter tune was written by former Tom Petty Heartbreaker Benmont Tench.)

Throughout the album, she walks the fine line of pop-country on songs such as "I'll Take Your Heart" and the teen-inspired "Whatever."

Certainly, and this might be one of the only criticisms, her songs were chosen with her age in mind. This may not necessarily be a criticism, especially considering the song selection of some other teen artists (see above list). There is the aforementioned "Whatever," as well as "You Go First" with the lines: "What's it gonna take to get us both there / can't you see what I'm suggesting / it's a double dare." Thankfully, it wasn't a double-dog-dare.

Regardless of some of the lyrics, she achieves a clarity beyond her years. Her voice remains soothing and soft, just perfect for the country pop she delivers. She does veer slightly from this on "Hungry Love," which sounds forced, but it barely distracts from the overall package.

This album isn't perfect music, not even perfect country music.

Fortunately, the buying public is not turned off by country music as much as in the past. Acts such as the Dixie Chicks, Garth Brooks and Shania Twain have eliminated a lot of that prejudice.

Thus, Jessica Andrews should receive deserved recognition for her music. The songs are crisp, the album offers varying styles brought to you by a fresh, young (emphasis on young) voice. Fortunately for Jessica, at 15, she has the possibility of continuing to release good albums and only improving on her current effort. All things get better with age, but they have to start somewhere. Silly me for thinking that "starting point" meant high school.

This CD earns \$\$\$.

— Adam Ziemkiewicz,  
Divisions Writer


\$\$\$\$ - This album is worth more than you paid for it.

\$\$\$ - Pick this up during your next trip to the record store.

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## See your Student Government Association at work!!

- **Student Senate** meets every **Monday @ 3 p.m.** and the **Student Activities Counsel (SAC)** meets every **Tuesday @ 3 p.m.**
- Both meetings are held in the **Terrace Room** of the **University Center** and are always open to any Xavier student.
- Come to either of the meetings and let your voice be heard!!

## Student Senate vacancy

Ever wanted to help make Xavier a better place? Here is your chance to shine in SGA's legislative body. There is seat currently open on the Xavier Student Senate.

Applications are available at the Info desk, Grill, SGA Executive office, and at all RA desks.

Applications are due to Lynn Grunzinger, SGA President, no later than **5 p.m. on Sept. 3.**

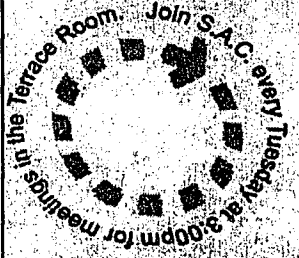
You must be a full-time student at Xavier and be able to attend meetings at 3 p.m. every Monday afternoon.

Inquiries should be directed to Lynn Grunzinger at 745-3995.

# Student Activities Council

aka S.A.C.

**S.A.C. is the primary programming board that selects, plans and sponsors many of the events and activities on the Xavier University campus.**



**If you enjoy the spotlight, then S.A.C. is the organization for you!**

Applications for freshmen and transfer students will be available at on Sept. 13 and due Sept. 23. Interviews are Sept. 27-30.

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Visit us in our office by the cafe in the University Center or call us at 745-3534.

Check us out at Club Day on the Mall Sept. 20, too!

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## Just what, and who, is SAC?

The Student Activities Council has been planning for the last and first year of the century.

The Student Activities Council (SAC), a branch of the Student Government Association, is the main programming body at Xavier University. They strive to provide meaningful and enjoyable social, cultural and educational programs that appeal to, and are accessible to, the widest group of students possible.

After the council's July workshop, they decided one of the goals for the year is to take their programs to the next level.

"We want to take the events the students love and make them bigger," said sophomore SAC member, Abby Gallo. "We want to eliminate the events that didn't create a lot of interest and come up with more exciting events."

Last weekend's "Jamaican Me Crazy" kicked off the year, giving away a trip to Jamaica to Xavier student, Brian Leibforth. Other SAC sponsored activities including the trip downtown to see the WEBN

Fireworks, the Drive-In Movie featuring "Goonies," a Day Spa sponsored by Pantene and the traditional fall formal dance, Fall Ball, are in the line-up of fall events.

Also in the works for the 1999-2000 school year is a big name entertainer or large-scale concert. "We hear Xavier students say they want us to bring in someone or something big," junior Ryan Reed said. "We're focused on trying to book something many students will know and enjoy." Although SAC has looked into many performers for the year, nothing is definite to date.

Aside from planning and sponsoring their own events, SAC provides co-sponsoring opportunities to any official Xavier organization that applies to and is approved by SAC.

"We know it takes a lot of time, funds and knowledge to plan events so we offer all of this to many of the clubs and organization who come to us for help," says Claire Mugavin, SAC's sophomore co-sponsorship co-chair.

## Want to be involved in Student Government and make \$\$\$?

Applications are currently being accepted for positions on the Board of Elections.

What do they do? Well, they oversee all of the elections for Student Government and they even get paid for their time! It is a great way to get involved in SGA and make a little extra money.

Duties include manning election tables, collecting information from candidates, tallying votes, etc.

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For more information, contact Lynn Grunzinger at 745-3995 or Teep Schlacter at 985-8752.

## Calling all Freshman and transfer students interested in Student Senate

Were you involved in Student Council in high school or looking to make a difference at your new-found home at Xavier?

Look no further. **Elections for Freshman and transfer students** for Xavier's Student Senate, the legislative body of the Student Government Association, will be held on **September 28 and 29.**

Candidates will be competing for four spots on Student Senate. Dates and times will be posted for information sessions held in the upcoming weeks to answer any questions and provide interested students with applications:

If you have questions regarding the election, contact Jeffrey Pugh at 745-4249 or Teep Schlacter at 985-8752.

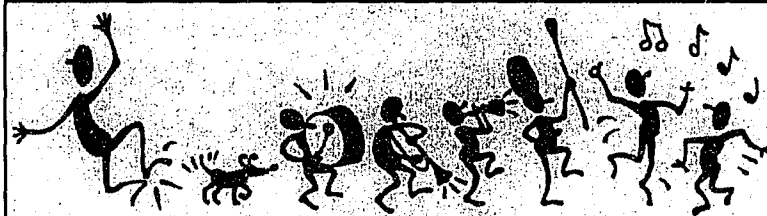
## Student Government improves the Sports Center fitness and weight rooms

This summer, SGA aided the Rec. Sports Department in purchasing new equipment for the fitness and weight rooms.

Recreational Sports is budgeted for the purchase of two additional lifecycles, one treadmill, and one EFX PreCor.

The Student Government Association agreed to purchase a brand new Concept 2 ergo for the training of club sports teams.

SGA also pooled funds with Rec. Sports to purchase eight pieces of a new weight circuit available for use this year, and eight pieces of the circuit to arrive next year.



## Oh, It's Time to Start Living! with Student Activities Council (S.A.C.)

Here is what S.A.C. has planned for you during September:

**SEPTEMBER 5 - WEBN Fireworks**  
S.A.C. provides buses downtown for a rather "explosive" evening. Buses leave from the bottom of the Residential Mall from 4:00pm-8:00pm and return at 10:05pm. The show starts at 9:05pm!

**SEPTEMBER 14 - Drive-In Movie**  
We actually bring a drive-in movie screen on to the Residential Mall at 9:00pm. Come watch GOONIES, eat free food and win prizes!

**SEPTEMBER 24 - FALL BALL**  
The first semi-formal dance of the year will have you grooving the night away at Music Hall from 9:00pm-1:00am. Tickets can be purchased in the S.A.C. office the week of the dance and buses will be available that night!

**SEPTEMBER 29 - Pantene Day Spa**  
Walk on over to the Residential Mall from 10:00am-4:00pm, where there will be a cosmetologist, hair stylist and massage therapist. FREE services, samples, sweepstakes and drawings!

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## WEDNESDAY

September 1

So, you just returned from your magical summer in Upper Volta (only the squares still call it Rhodesia anymore, you know), the charms of that special **Volta** lad still make you glow and you've only shown your roommates the first 200 slides. And now, God bless it, the Man says it's time to go back to school. Stupid Man. While you may still be coming to terms with this fact, we here at Calendar City hope to ease the transitional pain and offer a few reasons to **celebrate** the baby bird beak of a new school year crackling open its shell.

Here's a new tidbit from the recently opened "Why Norwood Is the Best Place in the World, Ever" files: even the **coffee** tastes better way up there beyond the train tracks. Congratulations to the International Coffee Hour for uncovering this little known fact, as they hold their first *fete du café* of the year at the Health and Counseling Center today at 3:30 p.m.

OK people, I'm going to be frank with you. ("So I says, 'Frank? I thought her name was Jennah!' Thank you folks, and please be kind to your waitresses.") I'm going on very little material here on opening day. This is not an Optimus Prime situation. Writing a calendar when nothing's going on is like eating a **Moo Malt** from the Grill with no spoon. It can certainly be done, but it's very messy, and you get chocolate all over your face. So whenever you get the feeling that I'm trying really hard to fill up space, just skip that part if you want.

Here are some fun things to do while you're waiting for the first round of papers to be due. Conduct an experiment to see how long your roommate's **beta** fish can survive in his mouth while he's sleeping. Wear your underwear backwards. Set up a game of **Twister** in the elevator and act indignant when people don't want to play. Subvert local government. Micromanage your sock drawer. Hey, look. The end of the column.

## CALENDAR CITY

By Jennah Durant To place an item in the calendar, call 745-3122 or mail to ML 2129.

## THURSDAY

September 2

A rocker is one who rocks, a walker is one who walks, so a butler is one who ... **butles**, correct? Of course not. In medieval times, "buts" were big barrels where people who could afford those kinds of things kept beer and wine and stuff. They were kept in a room called a "buttery." The guy who looked after the butts was, ergo, the butler! The mystery is solved. Please don't thank me, I'm just doing my job.

Speaking of medieval times, the **Ohio Renaissance Festival** is here in all its jousting, bawdy glory. (Calm down, history majors. I know "medieval" is not the same as "Renaissance," but it was very convenient in terms of a "segue.") If you have ever felt the urge to yell a hearty "huzzah" while raising your pint of ale with a pert and lusty lass by your side, this might be the place for you. Then again, maybe you just have some issues that you need to work out. Whatever your situation, the festivities continue on **weekends** only until Oct. 17, so don't hurry or anything. I'm not sure where it is, maybe north of here a little ways. Send a scout up ahead or something.

When you were little and Christmas took forever to get here, were you ever overanxious to the point where **Christmas Eve-eve** was an exciting event? That's what I feel like today. It's like Christmas Eve-eve, but instead of Santa Claus, I'm waiting for the **Free Alcohol Fairy**. And maybe a few presents.

## FRIDAY

September 3

With the Atlantic 10 crown still sitting snugly upon their collective heads, the women's soccer

team is ready to continue their **streak** of butt-kicking this season. The naive and well-meaning Wildkitties of the University of Kentucky meet the Lady Musketees tonight at 7 p.m. at Corcoran Field. Make up for any past errors by supporting your soccer sisters this season.

It's no longer Christmas Eve-eve, but the actual day before. Well, call me childish and impatient, but I'm **tired of waiting**. I'm ready to shed the stigma of being a minor sometimes and not a minor other times. If you want to help me in this transformation and/or buy me a drink, join me at **Dana's** tonight at midnight when it will officially be the Calendar Girl's birthday. Yes, this is indeed shameless self-promotion, but really, is there any other kind?

## SATURDAY

September 4

I don't want to hog all of the spot light today, so if you see Damon Wayans, Paul Harvey, or Ione Skye, with or without **Ad Roc**, say happy birthday to them as well.

UK obviously had enough and turned tail out of town. Up next for the women's **soccer team** is Ohio University from the always formidable MAC. You kind of have to feel sorry for them, travelling all this way from the middle of **Appalachia** and then having to play our Muskies. Then again, maybe you don't. The clock at Corcoran Field will start at 1 p.m. for this match-up.

## SUNDAY

September 5

September in Cincinnati can be quite unforgiving, so what better way to spend a sweltering day than sitting in the sun, battling the frog

T-shirt wearing hordes and paying \$4 for a bottle of water? Yes, that's right, it's time for **Riverfest**, the WEBN sponsored orgy of fat guys in Nascar shirts, fringe religious groups handing you Tootsie Rolls and amusing literature and the biggest pyrotechnics display in North America not on the Fourth of July east of the Mississippi occurring on a Sunday. You don't even have to worry about how to get down there as the Wonder SACers are providing transportation. The big yellow **buses** leave from the bottom of the residential mall by Buenger starting at 4 p.m. until 8 p.m. If you're leaving late, just remember real estate on the river gets more valuable as the day goes on, so don't expect your friends to save you a spot. The fire in the sky will theoretically start at 9:05 p.m., but that's really more of a suggestion. After the show, the buses will be in the same place they left you, so don't be left behind.

Many people think those fireworks are like an end-of-summer thing, the last outdoor fun to be had before fall **chills** things down. These people would be mistaken. This display is really in celebration of the birth of Lauren Mosko, our **esteemed** Editor-in-Chief. Yes, the birthday train keeps rollin' here at the Newswire, and will continue next week since she's inviting all of you to her party. More details to come. Happy birthday, Chief!

If fireworks and birthdays are not in your plans today, take in a guitar concert at the University Center Theatre at 7:30 p.m. This ain't no ordinary gee-tar, it's a jazz guitar, as this concert is the first in this year's ... jazz guitar series.

## MONDAY

September 6

Amen for a three day weekend. Don't panic, your alarm still

works, you just didn't set it last night because we don't have class today.

Fall means football to some people, and **chrysanthemums** to many others. Seeing as how we're a little strapped regarding the former here at XU, your better autumnal bet is probably with the **flowers**. The Krohn Conservatory is running its fall show now until Nov. 14, so shake your hardy mums and take a drive down Victory Parkway.

You must be feeling pretty left out if you weren't born right around this time of year, but don't worry, it's cool to be different. By some **eerie** and **freakish** coincidence though, all of the international students have the same birthday and are celebrating this strange day at the International Students Happy Birthday Celebration. It'll be a good time, but if you go to the **Romero Center** from 3 to 4 p.m., just remember to bring a lot of presents.

## TUESDAY

September 7

Just when the ladies of Morehead State thought it was safe to go back to Schmidt Fieldhouse, the women's volleyball team is right there to meet them. Join the welcome wagon tonight at 7 p.m. as the Musketeers begin their home season.

So. What's new with you? Did you see the new Austin Powers movie this summer? That **cracks** me up. I travelled for a few weeks with my family, too. It was nice to spend time with them at first, but after so much togetherness, I was ready to **crack**. I also travelled with some friends. We met this guy in Amsterdam who had spent five years in jail for using an illegal crystalized narcotic. He was shady. Anyway, when I got back to school my roommates and I discovered there was a **crack** in one of the sinks, so then we had to call a plumber. He was a pretty nice guy, but you could have thrown quarters down his butt-**crack** every time he bent over. It wasn't a pretty sight.

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